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Wilbee drafted to OHL

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

It's a dream come true for a Minden teen, who has always wanted to play professional hockey for as long as he can remember.

Mat Wilbee, a 15-year-old Red Hawks and Highland Storm centre, was drafted by the Ontario Hockey League's Guelph Storm, using their final pick of the draft at 294 overall.

When he learned online he was chosen by the Storm he was in his living room with his parents, who hugged him. He said they were "proud and excited."

Right after, the Storm's general manager Mike Kelly called to welcome and congratulate Wilbee.

A mix of emotions came over the teen with a passion and love for hockey.

"I was so happy I didn't know what to say. I was shocked and excited at the same time to be honest," he wrote in a text.

Part of his success, he said, is attributed to shooting millions of pucks just like Haliburton's Matt Duchene, who played for the OHL's Brampton Battalion before he was drafted by the National Hockey League's Colorado Avalanche.

It's worth noting that the Storm's 14 picks were on AAA teams, except for Wilbee.

The scout first noticed Wilbee at a hockey camp in Peterborough.

Playing in the NHL is at the top of his list, but he will be happy playing anywhere professionally, he said.

Wilbee might not know anyone in Guelph, but is excited at the opportunity to make the

see SUMMER page 9

World-class advice

Four-time world figure skating champion Kurt Browning gives local skaters some tips during a clinic at Minden's S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on April 9. Browning, who is seasonal resident of Minden Hills, is hosting Stars on Ice rehearsals in Minden later this month. There will be chances for the public to go and watch. More on page 11. CHAD INGRAM Staff



Minden Hills renovates Nature's Place

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Minden Hills township is renovating Nature's Place, its interpretive centre at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

"We plan to reopen Nature's Place on April 22," community services director Mark Coleman told councillors during an April 9 meeting, adding the reopening date would coincide with Earth Day activities being planned by local groups.

Constructed in 2007, the building was originally R.D. Lawrence Place, a museum paying homage to the life and work of R.D. Lawrence, a famed author, conservationist

and environmental activist who made his home in Haliburton County.

The building was re-branded as Nature's Place in 2012 and given a wider, environmental mandate.

The renovations are intended to open the building up, so more varied types of exhibits and activities can take place there.

"The building was built for a particular application that wasn't very flexible," said Reeve Brent Devolin.

Renovations at the site include the removal of an interior cabin from its main room. The cabin housed composting toilets.

Devolin said much of the materials from the deconstruction of the cabin are being sal-

vaged for future use, including the toilets.

Councillor Jeanne Anthon said she'd had a call from a citizen concerned the renovations may affect some of the energy efficiencies the building had been constructed with.

The building, of straw bale construction, contains radiant in-floor heating and an air exchange system.

"All of that is being maintained," Coleman said.

While \$5,000 had been budgeted for the changes, township staff was able to perform much of the work.

The estimated cost of the renovations is \$2,500.

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The Minden Rotary Club made a \$15,000 donation to the Minden Community Food Centre – which houses the food bank – on a snowy April day last week. From left are Rotary president Kay Godden, Lynda Litwin, Barry Robb, Dick Schell, Brent Devolin, food bank manager Joanne Barnes, Rev. Max Ward and Marilynne Lesperance of the food bank's board.

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition on to, the above noted Minor Variances to a proposed minor variance.

NOTICE OF DECISION - A copy of the Committee's decision will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed a written request for notice of the decision with the Secretary-Treasurer.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding these applications will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the hearing at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2015

Ian Clendening
Secretary Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment



HHHS cheers its volunteers

Photos by Angelica Blenich

Left, local artist Tom Green of Glass Eagle Studios proudly holds up his stained glass piece, titled *A Walk in the Highlands*, at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Volunteer Appreciation event on April 12 at Hyland Crest. Green donated the piece to the event and it was won by volunteer Jeanne Anthon, whose name was drawn. Kicking off National Volunteer Week, the appreciation event featured live music, food catered by Rhubarb and goodies.



Left, Barbara Nash, left, and Brenda Harding enjoy each other's company and delicious treats.

Right, musicians Stan Russell, left, and Tom Regina serenade the volunteers at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Volunteer Appreciation event on April 12.



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The public is welcome to attend the rehearsals on the following days:

Tuesday April 21st: 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Wednesday April 22nd: 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

Meet some of the stars at 5:00 pm in the arena lobby

Thursday April 23rd: 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Friday April 24th: 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

Saturday April 25th: 10:00 am-12:00 pm

For more information contact the Community Services department at 705-286-1936 x200

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Township of Minden Hills Youth Softball League is looking for Coaches and Assistant Coaches

The league allows children, aged 3-17, the opportunity to participate in a team oriented activity, while encouraging personal growth and physical development. Most importantly though, it is a chance for them to have fun! None of which would be possible, without the help of volunteers.

Games are on Monday nights, from June 8th to August 10th.

No prior experience is necessary.

Students! This is a great way to get your volunteer hours!

For more information please contact Elisha Weiss at 705-286-1936 x204 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

ARTISAN MARKET AT THE CULTURAL CENTRE

Saturday mornings from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm there will be an Artisan Market on the Cultural Centre grounds.

Season starts June 20th and runs rain or shine until September 5th.

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APRIL 22 EARTH DAY AT NATURE'S PLACE

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, April 30th, 2015 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

• File No. SRA-14-03

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 20, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9724, registered March 4, 2015.

• File No. SRA-14-14

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 28, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9721, registered February 25, 2015.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place noted above, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 15th day of April, 2015.

Ian Clendening, MPI.
Planner

Minden Hills accrues \$360,000 surplus

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills township racked up a surplus of just more than \$360,000 in 2014.

Treasurer/chief administrative officer Lorrie Blanchard discussed the surplus with councillors during their April 9 meeting.

While the roads department incurred a deficit of some \$136,000, “all the other remaining departments are looking at surpluses for 2014,” Blanchard said.

The surplus is the result of various factors, including lower than budgeted wages and benefits due to staff shortages, higher than anticipated revenues from septic inspections and landfill tipping fees, some projects being funded through reserves being transferred to 2015, as well as projects that were deferred to 2015 as the result of staff shortages or weather.

The largest surplus, nearly \$270,000, came from the treasury department, where there was \$31,000 in bank and other interest, \$56,000 in tax penalties and \$75,000 in supplemental taxes.

“Supplemental taxes we do not budget for, so it’s always shown as a surplus,” Blanchard said.

There were also IT and software expenditures deferred, savings in wages after the former CAO resigned last spring, and monies from tax sales, registrations and a gas tax grant.

There was a surplus of nearly \$120,000 in the environmental and property operations department, where there was \$60,000 more in tipping fees and recycling revenues than anticipated. There were also lower than anticipated costs associated with chipping, building repairs and maintenance and consulting and external services.

A \$50,000 surplus in the building department came from higher than anticipated revenues from septic inspections, which lower-tier municipalities began performing in 2014. Previously, that task fell to local health units.

There was also a surplus of nearly \$50,000 in the community services department, which is responsible for the arena and community centre, parks, cemeteries and cultural centre.

The money there came from wages and benefits savings from the department being without a director for part of the year, unused programming money, lower than anticipated wages at the arena, as well as lower than expected costs in maintenance and repairs.

There was also a \$5,000 surplus in the clerk’s department and a nearly \$7,000 surplus in the fire department.

The \$136,000 deficit in the township’s roads department was attributed to higher than anticipated heating costs for garages, as well some resurfacing work that went over-budget due to a lack of materials, and some work that had not been budgeted for.

The surplus will be transferred to the township’s capital reserve, which was sitting at some \$448,000 at the end of the year.

The capital reserve is not earmarked for any specific purpose and Blanchard said monies could be used on a number of projects, including a new fire hall for Minden Hills.

Minden Hills is purchasing a portion of the former Walker’s Auto Repair property along Highway 35 where Haliburton County constructed its new EMS base.

Minden Hills will pay just more than \$360,000 for the piece of property, that money coming from reserves.

“I’m hoping by the time this council’s finished, that we’ll have a building on that property,” said Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch, adding she’d had the same hope for the previous council term.

Reeve Brent Devolin said a debenture for the construction of a new fire hall could be an option for council, just as county council took out a loan for most of the construction costs on its EMS base project.

OPP bill pushes up taxes in MH

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Municipal taxes will increase 5.9 per cent in Minden Hills in 2015

Councillors passed the tax rate bylaw for the year at their April 9 meeting.

An increase of \$245,000 in OPP costs for the township this year is responsible for 4.13 per cent of that increase, the township passing the provincially-mandated increase directly to taxpayers.

A new OPP billing formula initiated by the province last year will see Minden Hills’s OPP bill grow by 57 per cent, from \$1.2 million to \$1.9 million, during a five-year phase-in period.

This year, its bill will increase from \$1.2 million to more than \$1.4 million.

Growth is responsible for 1.17 per cent of the tax increase, inflation 0.6 per cent.

Property taxes at the upper-tier level will increase 2.7 per cent for the year.

Lower tier taxes represent 44.67 per cent of total taxes; the upper tier 26.39; and education 28.94.

Cold takes toll on MH roads

The following are brief reports of items discussed during an April 9 meeting of Minden Hills council.

Prolonged periods of cold this winter have impacted municipal roads and culverts, roads superintendent Kevin Hill told council.

Hill said there were more frozen culverts this winter than he has ever seen.

Forty-eight culverts had to be steamed.

The roads have taken a beating, too.

“We’ve already seeing a lot of surface treatment that’s breaking up,” he said, “weird frost heaves we’ve never seen before.”

Some of that heaving took place along Newcastle Street near the Haliburton County office.

“I observed one in the last week, something that had happened that had never happened before,” said Reeve Brent Devolin.

Devolin said councillors should be aware of the pending cost implications of the damage.

New loader for roads department

Minden Hills will purchase a new loader backhoe from Bob Mark New Holland for approximately \$130,000, the lowest tender the township received.

It will receive \$15,000 on a trade-in of a 1997 loader.

While \$100,000 was included for the purchase in the 2015 budget, roads superintendent Kevin Hill said prices have risen about 25 per cent as a result of the drop in the Canadian dollar.

New pick-up truck

Minden Hills township will purchase a Ford 150 4x4 pick-up truck for the community services department from Ridgewood Ford for \$35,000.

Wiring the farmers’ market

It will cost Minden Hills approximately \$2,100 plus HST to provide an electrical setup for the Haliburton County Farmers’ Market.

Council resolved earlier this year to allow a pilot market in the municipal parking lot off of Milne Street on Saturdays this summer.

The township will purchase a 20-circuit weatherproof electrical panel, with covers and cords. Reeve Brent Devolin pointed out the township could use the equipment for other purposes as well.

The money will come from the property and environmental operations and community services budgets.

Council defers grant policy

Councillors deferred a decision on amendments to the township’s community grants policy until their meeting in late April.

Council is considering raising the grant limit from \$500 to \$750 for community organizations, as well as other changes to the framework.

The cap would not apply to the Minden Agricultural Society and Minden Kin Club for requests at the fairgrounds. Both groups have historic agreements for use of the land, dating back to the ceding of the property.

- Chad Ingram



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Redefining tourists in the Haliburton Highlands

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Haliburton County is asking area business owners to re-examine the way they define tourism, and tourists.

The provincial government defines anyone who travels more than 40 kilometres in one direction as a tourist, “which could be any of us, going anywhere,” tourism director Amanda Virtanen told councillors at an April 8 tourism committee meeting.

With Haliburton County’s vast size – some 4,000 square kilometres – residents travelling from one area of the municipality to another could be considered tourists.

Virtanen is calling this type of local tourist the “travelling consumer,” and the county is encouraging business owners to see that tourism is part of every business, to think of anyone visiting any establishment as an economic opportunity and to treat them with the same hospitality they would visitors from

outside the area.

The county has been on a campaign to improve customer service at businesses throughout the Haliburton Highlands and a subcommittee of the tourism stakeholders group has been formed to focus on the cause. That subcommittee consists of stakeholders Rachel Gillooly, Bruce Ballentine, Dennis Casey and Alex Bell.

“You can’t fix a problem if you don’t think you have one,” said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. “And a lot of people don’t think they have one.”

Virtanen has developed a one-page handout that looks at international, national and local tourists, the ways in which they spend their money and the ways the larger community benefits from the spending of those tourism dollars.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said some people have difficulty seeing the spinoff.

“There was criticism around, for example, pond hockey,” Moffatt said, referring to the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships, held in Haliburton in 2013 and 2014, and to

which the upper-tier contributed funding.

There was criticism, she said, that the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, where many players stayed, was the only business that benefitted from the tournament. However, Moffatt said, a waiting staff member who may have worked extra shifts during the event could have taken that extra money and spent it at a local business on materials for home renovation.

“I don’t know if people ever made that connection,” she said. “Don’t think of it as us and them. It’s all of us, together.”

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin agreed, saying that hospitality is a state of mind. “It’s not a singular group,” he said. “It’s all of us.”

Haliburton County is part of Ontario’s Highlands, a provincial tourism region that includes communities from the county eastward, through the Ottawa Valley.

Tourism in Ontario’s Highlands is worth an estimated \$442 million a year, generating about \$125 million in tax revenue and employing some 4,400 people.

County to sole-source elevator work

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during the April 8 Haliburton County committee meetings.

Councillors on the finance and correspondence committee recommended sole-sourcing the upgrading of the elevator at the county office on Minden’s Newcastle Street to Precision Elevator Ltd.

The upgrades – which will use \$50,000 in grant money as well as \$30,000 from the county – will include the installation of a new call and door-locking systems, as well as the installation of a backup power supply so that the lift will be able to operate during an electricity outage.

Roads director Doug Ray said Precision had knowledge of the building’s elevator system.

“This company’s been good to us over the years,” he said.

The county’s purchasing policy dictates that goods or services of more than \$25,000 be procured through a tendering process.

However, the policy provides exceptions, including standardization of a function or service, compatibility with an existing service and existing knowledge of the nature of the service.

County purchases generator

Haliburton County will purchase a 100-kilowatt generator from Generator Solutions for approximately \$42,000 plus taxes.

“It turned out a local company had the lowest bid, which was nice to see,” roads director Doug Ray told councillors on the finance and correspondence committee.

The generator was within the budgeted amount.

Minden Electric will perform the wiring work, which is expected to cost an additional \$5,000 to \$10,000.

EMS department moves into new base

The county’s paramedics moved into the new EMS base on Highway 35 on March 31.

The county has paid about \$50,000 a year to lease space along Milne Street for its Minden ambulance fleet.

A public opening ceremony for the base is expected to be held in late May.

County hopes for new cross-border billing

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Haliburton County is hoping for a new, standardized cross-border ambulance billing model.

It’s common for municipalities to have agreements with adjacent local governments for the reimbursement of fees when ambulances from one municipality pickup patients in another. Those agreements have traditionally been negotiated individually.

At an April 8 meeting, councillors on the county’s finance and correspondence committee recommended moving ahead with an agreement with Peterborough County that will run until the end of 2015.

However, as treasurer Laura Janke explained, she and counterparts from throughout eastern Ontario are part of a

working group trying to set up new parameters for cross-border agreements throughout the area. That process includes a review of costs, as well as calculations for special circumstances.

As Janke explained, because Haliburton County’s call volume is lower than surrounding municipalities, it means its costs per call are higher.

In the agreement with Peterborough County, the cost per call for that municipality is \$206.10, the cost per call for Haliburton County \$412.20. This includes a special rural compensation premium.

However, the cost per call to the county based on current call volumes is actually \$530. Janke said by 2016, the working group is hoping to have a uniform agreement for eastern Ontario. There were a total of 5,944 calls in Haliburton County – that includes 316 pickups outside the county – in 2014.



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Tower power

WE NEED a new system for the approval of telecommunications towers in this country, one that places the decision-making power on local council tables, rather than with a federal ministry.

The approval process – and accompanying public input framework – has been a contentious issue for years, particularly in cottage country.

While some people want the convenience of wireless, high-speed Internet from the dock, others don't want to see cell towers poking up from amongst the pines, perverting their unblemished skylines.

Some want both things – the wireless, high-speed Internet, without the faintest sight of a tower – which is perhaps a bit of a tall order.

There are problems with the way telecommunications towers are approved and the root of those problems is that the ultimate say in these situations goes to Industry Canada and not local land authorities.

In the context of Haliburton County, local land authorities are the lower-tier townships.

A few years ago, Minden Hills residents around Gull Lake got upset when a 120-metre tower seem to spring up out of the ether along the Highway 35 corridor.

Some pointed fingers at Minden Hills council, but the reality was the telecommunications company that built the tower had gone through the only thin public consultation process it was required to by the federal government; that was running a single ad in the classified section of this newspaper advising of the company's plan and calling for feedback, as well as advising immediate neighbours.

The federal government has since amended that process and now requires companies to consult with local land

use authorities before proceeding with projects.

So now, when a company wants to build a tower, it sends a representative (or more commonly a rep from a consulting firm hired by the company) to talk to municipal councillors.

However, those municipal councillors have no real power to control the projects, just to concur or not with proposals.

Having a concurrence from the local land use authority earns the company points with Industry Canada, but is not required for projects to proceed.

Councils can create policies that make any number of suggestions – that towers be of “monopine” construction, limited to a certain height, etc. – but ultimately it's Industry Canada that gives the yea or nay.

This is problematic since Industry Canada's priority is, well, industry. Business. And what is good for the country's telecommunications giants seems to be what is good for the federal government.

And neither of these entities have the desires of residents of say, Fletcher Lake, at heart.

One can argue that towers are about communication – a federal jurisdiction – but one can also argue they're about land use planning – a municipal jurisdiction.

The controversy that surrounds them is always caused by aesthetics and location. And once these things are up, they're up.

Local councils should be able to make specific demands of telecommunications companies when it comes to the construction of towers.

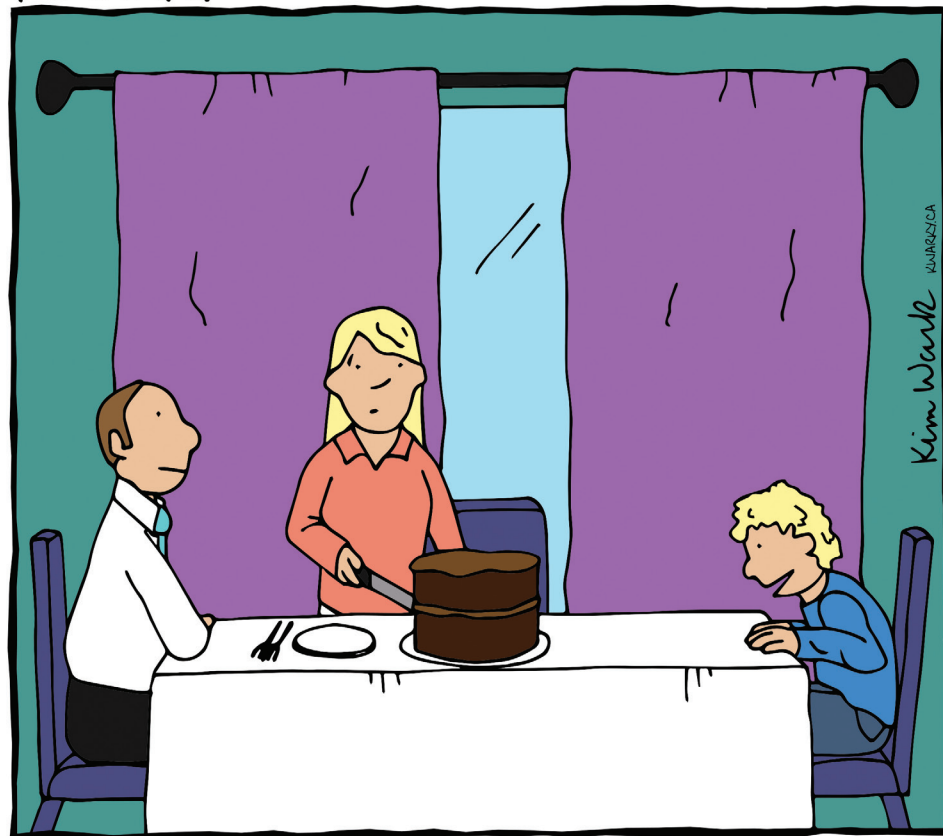
They should be able to flat out reject projects if they so choose.

Cell towers in cottage country will continue to be contentious, but that contention could be mitigated if more power was given to municipal councils.



CHAD INGRAM
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Game of drones

THERE ARE a lot of things on the Internet these days that make me think we're going to hell in a hand basket, but this morning I witnessed something that truly gave me reason to be optimistic.

It was a video clip that showed a camera drone flying over the chimp enclosure at a zoo in the Netherlands.

Aside from the much-needed aerial footage of chimps in an enclosure, it seemed symbolic. For the very fact that we were doing this highlighted our technology and genius. That drone and the camera it carried was clearly a symbol of our species' innate superiority.

Right up until one of the chimps reached over and knocked the drone down with a stick.

Frankly, I was disappointed with the chimp – but only because it didn't fling feces.

Normally, I'm with our team when it comes to any human/simian type of conflict. I've seen all the *Planet of the Apes* movies; I know what will happen if we lose.

But I have to admit in this case, had I been there, I might have high-fived the chimp. I'm still considering mailing him a basket of bananas.

In fact, I decided immediately after seeing the video, if I ever get ridiculously wealthy, I'm hiring a chimp to be my chief of security – probably that chimp, in fact.

For one thing, I suspect it would know how to deal with paparazzi, using just a stick.

For another, I'm not a big fan of drones.

It's not about the invasion of privacy aspect either. Nor does it have anything to do with the fact that they make noise like a herd of mosquitoes.

It's actually got more to do with the fact that drone footage isn't exactly exciting – unless you like counting bald spots. Which I did, till I watched some recent drone footage and discovered I had one too.

Let's face it, most drone footage is generally an aerial shot of inactive people looking up and saying, "What the heck is that thing?" or "Pass me a rock."

Yes, it's cool for us shorter people to see the top of everyone else's head for a change, but that grows old quickly.

On the plus side, you can see footage of plenty of cleavage. On the con side, it's probably from a middle-aged guy wearing a muscle shirt.

Don't even get me started on the pilots. How do we know they are qualified to fly these things safely? Has it ever crossed your mind that maybe we're seeing so many bald spots in those videos because the drone buzzed the crowd too closely?

Clearly, there are some valid uses for drones. If someone would design one with blades low enough to mow the grass, I'd be the first one to order it. The same goes if they developed a hedge trimming model or one that could work as a leaf blower. It would also be great if I could employ a drone to reach things off the top shelf.

But thus far, the whole photography aspect is kind of lame.

On the other hand, if this craze continues I think it will help revitalize the failing sling-shot market. And that's not all bad.

Regardless of what I think, drones are here to stay.

So I'm just going to have to get used to wearing a cap from here on in. I'll probably give away my muscle shirts too.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Chopper Charlie

THE MAN who will be king is back on the front pages, taking heavy flak for burning tons of aircraft fuel while telling everyone they must conserve to save the planet.

Prince Charles, also known as Chopper Charlie, and his second wife Camilla flew recently in the Royal Family Sikorsky helicopter to and from a social function 80 miles from their home. That's a fairly short car ride for most of us.

The brief flights consumed an estimated 200 gallons of aviation fuel, which experts said created 1.3 tons of carbon dioxide. Using a car for the 160-mile return trip would have consumed four gallons of gas and created .06 tons of carbon dioxide.

Chopper Charlie is yet another of our conservationist elite who expect the rest of us to do what they say, not what they do. Their positions and functions are important enough to excuse them from the rules they expect us to follow.

Charles' mouthpieces say that the prince's emissions are offset by tree-planting initiatives. Burn a ton and a half of carbon dioxide to get to a party; plant another tree.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

Two days before the helicopter outing, Charles recorded a video message for Earth Hour telling people that "together we have the power to change things."

"If everyone in the world consumed natural resources at the rate we do in the United Kingdom, we would need three planets, not just one, to support us," intoned the prince.

The helicopter journey is not the first time Charles has been accused of failing to live up to his own statements that we must do more to save the environment. He has described cars as "voracious beasts" and "monsters" but once had his expensive Bentley driven 850 miles into Europe to meet him. The reasoning was that the Bentley is armour plated.

You can't be too harsh on Charles. He does his best, devoting time to saying the right things. The fact that he doesn't always do the right things is a problem of most of the rich and famous. And, he certainly is not the brightest bulb in the Royal Family chandelier. Anyone who needs 133 staff to help him get through each day deserves some understanding.

Charles is, in some ways, much like the rest of us. We all talk about saving the environment but we do not back our talk with enough personal action. What we lack is vigorous, unflinching leadership to help us to make the hard choices needed to stop the human-caused deterioration of our world.

The world, however, does not have that leadership at the moment. The World Economic Forum reported late last year that 86 per cent of more than 1,200 experts surveyed said they believe the world is in the midst of a leadership crisis.

Religious and government leaders rated lowest in leadership confidence. More than 56 per cent of the experts doubted religious leaders' abilities to play a constructive role in solving global problems. Government leaders were close behind.

Strong leaders exist but are unwilling to step forward into a politicized world so polarized that it is hard to get agreement on what day it is. Only a wartime-type crisis where people see the situation as truly desperate will bring forth the brightest and best to help us.

A wartime-type crisis is possible, if not likely. California already has a drought crisis believed to be the worst in human history. Governor Jerry Brown has ordered cities to cut water consumption by 25 per cent. Parts of the state are being urged to give up emerald green oasis landscaping in favour of the natural desert look.

The California drought, the rapidly melting Arctic ice pack, and the wild changes in our weather patterns all are becoming serious enough for real leaders to step forward. Real leaders with the forcefulness to get Chopper Charlie and the rest of us to make the sacrifices needed to save our planet.

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This Week In...

WHEN A NEWSPAPER has been serving a community for more than half a century, it builds up quite a collection of archives. The Times office is packed with boxes of old papers dating back to the 1960s, when the publication was known as the Minden Progress. It took the name the Times in the 1970s. Each of these boxes is like a time capsule, revealing the issues of the day. Many of the stories provide context for narratives that are still playing out in one way or another today. Every week, the Times will take a look at what happened in Minden 10 years before, in 2005, and 25 years before, in 1990.

From the April 15, 2005 issue:

Lindsay businessman Greg Walling, part of the Frost Centre working committee, announces he is eyeing the federal Liberal nomination after former MP John O'Reilly announces he will not run again against MP Barry Devolin.

The Minden Times wins best overall newspaper in its circulation class at the Ontario Community Newspaper Association's annual awards competition. Judges wrote: "Something draws you to one newspaper over another. The Times has that something." The newspaper has continued to

win OCNA awards on an annual basis and is nominated for general excellence and best editorial in this year's competition.

The Minden Lions Club announces it will build a new clubhouse on Bobcaygeon Road. The club had sold its previous club to the YWCA for the creation of a women's shelter and gave the YWCA a \$20,000 donation.

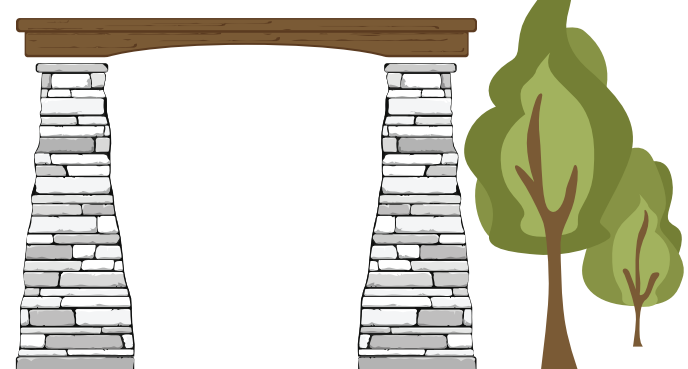
From the April 16, 1990 issue:

Victoria-Haliburton MPP John Eakins is angered by the suggestion that citizen-donated funds be used to pay for architectural drawings for an expansion of the Haliburton hospital. The board for St. Joseph's Hospital (which owned the Haliburton hospital) had made that suggestion after the Haliburton hospital board ran up architect fees of \$326,000, two thirds of which had been paid for by the health ministry. Some \$400,000 was raised locally for an expansion of the hospital, but Eakins said, "To even think of using citizens' donations sends the wrong signal."

Grants from the federal and provincial governments pay for upgrades at the Stanhope Airport. Improvements included realignment and paving of the 2,500-foot runway, renovations to the terminal building as well as runway lighting.

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PETER BRADY
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Cottage dream didn't include 80-metre tower

To the Editor,

Are communities really willing to take whatever the big telecommunications companies throw at them? Or should government and community councils be insisting that in cottage country, they do everything they can to protect the environment around lakes. Yes, I am a cottager on Fletcher Lake, and my dream of cottaging there did not include an 80 metre structure on my back doorstep. There were other options including moving the site back at least 500 metres further away from the lake, or the option of using the smaller (30 metre) monopines, which are popping up in cottage country. Bell chose to go ahead with their original

plan of the mega tower instead.

The entire "public consultation" that Bell did, was a farce. Bell widened the area to include people in surrounding areas, who would not even see the 80 metre cell tower from their cottage. When presenting to council, Mr. Arimzada said there was an overwhelming response to this proposal. Of course people not on Fletcher Lake said yes. The view from their dock will be totally intact.

The Algonquin scenery was what drew us to the area 17 years ago, with its pristine beauty, gorgeous lakes and amazing woodlands. It's been our little piece of heaven. It is an absolute shame that there are not rules in place to protect this beautiful area.

Scenery aside, there are still studies being done daily to determine the effects of the electro-magnetic fields radiating from the base of these cell towers. For every study that says it's minimal, there are other studies saying we should be concerned. The 500 metre distance seems to be what is deemed "safe," at least at this time. Our cottage is approximately 900 feet from the proposed site, and we have been planning to retire there soon. Bell is saying this is the only site that works? That is more than ridiculous. Fletcher Lake is surrounded by thousands of acres of Crown land. This site may be the cheapest, but certainly not the best for area residents.

At what point do we put in place rules that

stop these telecommunications companies from doing whatever they want? The option of using monopines means area residents can have their cell service, and the smaller towers mean less EMFs radiating from them. We owe it to ourselves and our lakeside environment, to do whatever we can to diminish the intrusion of these huge mega-towers. I really hope Industry Canada takes a real hard look at what cottage country will one day look like, if this bullying from Bell continues.

Kendra Mullins
Fletcher Lake

Not so proud to be Canadian

To the Editor,

I have always been so proud to be a Canadian. We have been perceived as nice, funny, generous people by the world as a whole. Our armed forces, which were modest for most of my life, were sent around the world in a peace-keeping capacity.

I think most people considered us neutral like the Swiss. Now, however, with this latest announcement that we will be dropping bombs on innocent women and children in Syria, and the pronouncement of the cost \$2.5 million; I am not so proud. Gone is the day when we could count on our politicians to do the right

thing just because it was the right thing to do for the people. I know I would be proud to be a Canadian if I knew my tax money was being spent on healthcare, or education, instead of being funnelled from us to the huge military-industrial complex.

And to know that when our young men come back injured, from fighting "terror," they were going to be cared for, by the same healthcare system that is being ravaged by short-sighted reductions in funding; with this money actually going to endless war.

Denise Leblanc

The unsung volunteer

To the Editor,

Haliburton County "runs" on volunteers. As we celebrate volunteer week I would like to give thanks to those who really don't volunteer for the job, but do it with love and compassion. They are the caregivers! Their life is changed as they devote their time to care for another. It could be an aging parent who needs help to live in their own home, or someone stricken with a physical or emotional issue that needs their help. Some caregivers have to leave their families to travel a distance to look after another who may live in another town. For those caregiving at home their routine changes as homes may need to be modified to meet the challenge. Their daily routine is changed to meet the needs of the individual. Their life is not their own but is centered around the one they are helping. Caregivers get physically and emotionally tired and

there is a sense of guilt if they take time away to do something for themselves. There are endless trips to medical appointments, many out of town. They may now be the shopper, cook, nurse, financier, chauffeur, handyman and more. Spouses must often come to terms with what may be permanent changes in their partners, such as depression, fatigue, lack of strength, frustration, and thoughtlessness. But they do it anyway, "for better or worse!" When you meet a caregiver ask "How are you doing?" Offer help if you can. Then inquire about the health of the one they are caring for. Hats off to the caregivers! They rank high in my list of true volunteers and need to be recognized for the work they do.

Lois Rigney
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Summer team tryouts next challenge

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squad this summer.

He is appreciative for the support he has received and is thankful to his family, friends and the coaches during the time he has played hockey.

The Hawks rookie enjoyed a solid season in the Kawartha High School Hockey League, centring a line for head coach Ron Yake.

"Mat is a quiet individual that loves the game of hockey. He has great puck skills and gives 100 per cent every chance he is on the ice. He was our 'ace in the hole' when we got into shoot-out situations this year and did a great job centring one of our lines," Yake wrote in an email. "This is a huge accomplishment for any player his age. Congratulations to Mat."

Wilbee said the Guelph Storm's scout also called to congratulate him on being drafted.

"I knew that I was being scouted. I did not know that I would actually be drafted! But I hoped!" he said.

The scout not only watched him play for the Highland Storm, but also saw him score a shootout goal for the Red Hawks during the playoffs, which showcased his ability to play under pressure.

Besides telling him to work hard to prepare for the upcoming summer team tryouts, he said, Wilbee could read the play well, has great hockey knowledge and possesses a natural ability, but told him to improve his "burst speed."

"He feels that I have the ability and skills to go far in hockey," Wilbee said.



Minden teen Mat Wilbee, who played centre for the Red Hawks and the Highland Storm, was selected with their final pick by the Guelph Storm in the recent Ontario Hockey League draft. This is a dream come true for the 15 year old, who was chosen for his ability to perform under pressure, as seen here about to score the Kawartha High School Hockey League playoff series clincher on a penalty shot against the Crestwood Mustangs Friday, Feb. 20 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Wilbee will try to make the team this summer. DARREN LUM File photo

Pan Am torch lights up Minden on June 4

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The torch relay for the 2015 Toronto Pan Am/Parapan Games will come through Minden on June 4.

"I cannot discuss until early May the exact details," Minden Hills community services director Mark Coleman told Minden Hills councillors during an April 9 meeting.

Coleman is the township's liaison with the organizers of the international sporting event. The Minden Wild Water Preserve, along the Gull River just north of the village, will host the games' whitewater canoe and kayak event in July.

Coleman said the torch will come down Water Street and that the river will play a role

in the ceremony. There will also be speeches from local dignitaries and Coleman said that local torch bearers have been chosen and that their identities will be revealed shortly.

The torch's appearance in Minden will be brief.

"We have a very limited amount of time for it to come through town," Coleman said. "We don't control that, Pan Am does."

There will be a paddling film festival at the arena, in addition to sporting and activities and demonstrations, to coincide with the whitewater events on July 18 and 19.

The games run from July 10 to 26 and the torch relay will begin in Mexico in May. It will travel more than 5,000 kilometres, passing through 130 communities, before winding up in Toronto.

Fluoride not in local drinking water

It may be absent from local drinking water, but it should not be a missing element from your family's daily dental routine.

It is fluoride, which is a natural substance found in rocks and soil. Fluoride is also beneficial for helping to reduce or prevent tooth decay. However, it may be a surprise for some people to learn that fluoride is not added to any drinking water system in Haliburton County, Northumberland County or the City of Kawartha Lakes. For this reason, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is encouraging local parents and caregivers to ensure their children follow good oral health habits for life. The

health unit's message comes during Oral Health Month in April.

Dental screening done by the health unit in local schools shows approximately 37 per cent of Junior and Senior Kindergarten students suffer from tooth decay. To help remedy this, the health unit advises families to brush up on their oral health habits.

Both flossing each day, as well as regular visits to the dentist, can help to prevent cavities and tooth decay in children. Area residents can get more tips and resources to help them improve their oral health by calling the health unit toll-free at 1-866-888-4577 or visiting www.hkpr.on.ca.

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Girls create the perfect Storm, win championship

by **DAN MARSDEN***Head Coach, Midget B Girls Storm*

The Minden Car Quest Auto Midget B girls hockey team travelled to Mississauga this past weekend to participate in the OWSA All-Ontario Provincial Playdown Championships.

The tournament was a representation of winning teams from every region in Ontario to challenge for the gold medal of being the top midget B girls hockey team for the 2014-15 hockey season.

Twenty-four teams in six pools took on the challenge to be crowned all-Ontario champion.

On Friday, the girls opened the tournament and played the Mount Brydges Cougars.

The Storm showed a little rust, having not played a game for two weeks.

Falling behind 1-0 early in the first period while killing a penalty, the Storm started to find their playoff focus and got back to their aggressive style of play.

Early in the third period Kelsey Maracle tied the game 1-1 and then Alicia McLean netted the winning goal midway through the third to sneak a first win in our pool play.

The top two seeds of the four teams in each pool advanced to the championships. On Friday night, the Storm faced off against the Waterloo Ravens.

The Ravens again tested the Storm squad midway through the first period jumping out with a 1-0 lead. Kelsey Maracle tied the game late in the first to help the Storm focus on the task at hand.

Playing aggressively to get back in the game, the Storm ran into some penalty trouble in the second period.



The Minden Car Quest Auto midget B girls hockey team celebrate winning the OWSA All-Ontario Provincial Playdown Championships this past weekend in Mississauga after defeating the North Bay Ice Boltz 3-0 in the final. With a field of 24 teams, the Storm dominated, going undefeated at the championship. Submitted by Riley Maracle

Killing a five-on-three, Erin Little blocked a shot from the point and went the length of the ice going backhand-forehand top-shelf blocker side to put the Storm up 2-1 with the eventual game winner.

Erin Little and Alicia McLean both added insurance markers in the third period to make the final score 4-1.

With two wins in pool play, the Storm took to the ice Saturday morning against the undefeated Oakville Hornets sitting with two ties. The Storm needed a win to finish first in their pool, as well as trying to secure a bye to the quarter-finals Saturday night - avoiding a second place seeding game Saturday afternoon among second place qualifiers. After a scoreless first period, Kenndal Marsden opened the scoring early in the second period putting the Storm up 1-0. Erin Little added to the lead late in the second on a power play to give the Storm a 2-0 edge. The pesky Hornets never gave up and during a power play of their own, edged closer at 2-1 late in the third period. Brynn Meyers found an extra gear as the third wound down and regained the Storm two-goal advantage putting away a loose puck in a goal-mouth scramble. The win and goal differential secured the fourth spot in the top four team byes to the quarter-finals. What a great start to the championship weekend.

On Saturday night the Storm took on Blythe-Brussels Crusaders in the must win quarter-final match-up. Hoping to take advantage of the Crusaders' extra game earlier in the evening, the Storm regained their LLFHL League Championship form and found that extra gear again.

Erin Little opened the scoring midway through the first with a 1-0 eventual game winning goal lead. Brynn Meyers netted a 2-0 marker in the second period and Sydney Feir and Kenndal Marsden added unanswered singles in the third period to make the final score 4-0, in the shutout victory and advance the Storm to the semi-finals on Sunday morning against the Schreiber North Shore Stars.

On Sunday morning, the Storm needed to maintain their upper gear against the talented Schreiber North Shore Stars who finished first overall in pool play. After a strong start and challenging Schreiber the bulk of the first period, Kelsey Maracle picked off a pass, beat the defence and the tender with nine seconds left in the first to take a 1-0 not-to-be-tied lead.

Erin Little notched a pair of beauties in the second period to put the Storm up 3-0. Kenndal Marsden rounded out the

scoring late in the third period with

a wrister that fooled the North Shore tender in the 4-0 win. Connor Marsden's second consecutive shutout secured the Storm's pursuit of a possible gold medal at the OWSA All-Ontario Provincial Championship.

The gold medal game saw the Highland Storm match-up against the deep and talented North Bay Ice Boltz. After a hard-fought scoreless first period, Alicia McLean slipped a sneaky wrister past the North Bay tender midway through the second period. The 1-0 lead gave the Storm a spark as they continued their up-tempo level of play and challenged the Ice Boltz in every aspect of the game. The Storm continued to pressure North Bay, frustrating this fast skating club, causing them to get off their game plan. The Storm stymied North Bay's puck control power play in the lopsided five-to-two penalty kill disadvantage keeping them off the score sheet through two periods of hockey. Alicia McLean fooled the North Bay tender going five-hole early in the third period causing a time-out by the Ice Boltz. With the bad Karma 2-0 lead and North Bay continuing to mount an attack against the tiring Storm squad, Kenndal Marsden put the Storm in the driver's seat with a 3-0 wrister beating the Ice Boltz tender high glove off a face off in the North Bay end. The Storm continued to turn away all attacks by the unrelenting Ice Boltz and Connor Marsden's hat-trick of shutouts secured the first All-Ontario Provincial Championship gold medal for Highland Storm Girls' Hockey. Great team effort, girls! What an awesome way to wrap up the year and midget B girls' hockey. You are all stars! Special thanks to all our sponsors and supporters, this year and in the past ... Minden Car Quest Auto, Minden Canadian Tire, parents, family and friends - especially those that made the trek to cheer on the girls in their gold medal journey. It definitely has been an exciting and excellent year to close the chapter on midget B girls Storm hockey! Winning the Orillia Tournament to get us rolling, first place in the LLFHL Eastern loop, LLFHL League Champions and now - OWSA All-Ontario Provincial Midget B champions! Congratulations again girls in all that you have accomplished! Enjoy this, celebrate it, and never forget it: you are all champions!

On behalf of the Midget B coaching and team staff, "thank you" everyone for your help and support over the past 10 years. What a fabulous way to finish.

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Trio of winners

The junior Red Hawks badminton team had their first qualifying tournament last Thursday at LCVI. Leading the team with first place finishes were the girls' doubles team of Kenndal Marsden and Jamie Little, the mixed doubles team of Hannah Klose and Dylan Smith and boys team of Mat Wilbee and Ben Schmidt.

14 qualify for Kawartha

The senior Red Hawks badminton team travelled to I.E. Weldon to compete in their second qualifying tournament on Tuesday, April 7.

All 14 players qualified for this week's Kawartha tournament at HHSS on Tuesday. First place for

men's singles player Noah Dollo and to the men's doubles team of Devon Upton and Jaydon Wood.

Going to Kawartha

The junior Red Hawks badminton team travelled to Thomas A. Stewart and came up against some stiff competition at the Kawartha qualifier. The team played solidly and respectfully. Seven members qualified to play in next week's Kawartha badminton tournament.

Placing fourth was boys' singles player Chris Thompson, second place by mixed doubles' team of Hannah Klose and Dylan Smith, first place for the boys' doubles team of Mat Wilbee and Ben Schmidt and the girls' doubles team of Jamie Little and Kenndal Marsden.

Submitted by Judi Paul

The Stars are coming to Minden arena

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

It's all about giving back to the place where his heart is.

Four-time world champion figure skater Kurt Browning is bringing some of the world's best figure skaters to Minden later this month.

A Minden cottager for more than 10 years, he spoke to the *Minden Times* from his mobile phone while giving a seminar to the Minden Skating Club at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Wednesday, April 8. The clinic was part of his proposal to Minden Hills to bring the Stars on Ice cast for rehearsals from April 21 to 25.

"I was just trying to give town council something to prove that we appreciate what they were doing and so I thought by putting something back into the local skating community that would be a good way to do that," he said.

He instructed and encouraged young skaters and even spoke to the skaters' parents and loved ones last week during two sessions held on consecutive days.

Back in December, Browning made a presentation to Minden Hills council to extend the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena's ice for the month of April.

Browning said holding public rehearsals like these in Minden is a first for the show.

It was not only a unique opportunity for Minden, but also for him to share his love of the community and to strengthen the show.

The skaters are not getting paid to come to Minden, but have acknowledged this rehearsal is an investment in the show, he adds.

"I want to show my skating friends Minden. And I want to show them my cottage and I want them to have a bonding experience as a team. Sometimes when we get together and only rehearse for three days, it's so hard because we're so pressed for time that the skaters don't feel an ownership of the show, and I want them to feel an ownership of the show," he said.

There's nothing like getting to see things in person, he said.

He likens this opportunity to the experience and impact of watching a live hockey game to watching it on television.

Getting to meet sports heroes and idols who are usually only seen either through television or the Internet (he jokes, thinking the young skaters only know him through YouTube), he said, means a lot to young people, as it has a greater impact.

"It's almost like it's fake, but when you meet somebody and you say, no, I fell down. I lost at worlds. I've been injured. I have days when I don't want to do this. I shake their



Four-time world figure skating champion Kurt Browning gives some tips to Minden figure skaters at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on April 9. CHAD INGRAM Staff

hands and have a laugh together. We work together. Then I think it makes it more real," he said. "I tell all the kids no matter what level you're at that as far as you got is amazing because figure skating is a weird, hard sport. The jumping, spinning. The musicality. It's a pretty multi-dimensional sport."

He characterized these rehearsals as barebones, without lights and costumes.

"It's where we're learning all the steps," he said.

"If people come quite honestly there might be a lot of standing around or there might be a lot of movement. It depends on luck of the draw. You'll get to see the process of how we work, not necessarily much performance. It's more of a creative process."

The cast members of the Stars show include a who's who of skating's elite, featuring world champions and 2014 Olympic silver medalists Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, three-time world champion and silver Olympian Patrick Chan. See www.starsonice.ca for more information and other cast members.

Browning has appreciated the efforts of the Minden Home Hardware in helping him with the show.

"They have bent over backwards to help me build props and stuff," he said.

The rehearsals will be open to the public on Tuesday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesday from 1 to 5 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon, Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and

Saturday 10 a.m. to noon.

Following Wednesday's public time, some of the skaters will be available to meet with the public at 5 p.m.

The cast will leave Minden and fly to Halifax to start rehearsals that include costumes and the full production before they start their tour.

Although Browning said usually he spends his time here with family, he didn't rule out future visits with the club, as there is an established relationship with the club.

"I've been here for over 10 years. Minden is a special place for me. It really is. It's where I recharge," he said.

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Neighbours step up to create the county we want

by JENN WATT
Editor

Our small community accomplishes much thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who give time, money and expertise to making the Haliburton Highlands a better place.

In celebration of annual Volunteer Week, we've asked organizers of some of the area's many charities and community groups to weigh in on how volunteers make a difference.

Volunteer Dental Outreach Clinic

Six dentists, four hygienists, two dental assistants, three front desk workers and nine board members volunteer to provide free services to people in Haliburton County who

need dental work.

VDO founder and board member Lisa Kerr says without this relatively small crew of dedicated volunteers, the VDO would not exist.

"The Volunteer Dental Outreach clinical model would not be financially sustainable without volunteers," she says. Most of the staffing is volunteer based and the board fundraises for the other clinic expenses. Two dental assistants are paid for their work to ensure the clinic has stability.

Kerr says being able to help those who otherwise would go without dental care fuels volunteers. This often means those who come to the clinic have major issues to be addressed, as many haven't seen a dentist in many years.

"The challenge of restoring someone's

teeth who is in desperate need can be quite motivating to the volunteer dental professionals. Almost every case involves someone who arrived quite apprehensive leaving with a bright smile, which is always gratifying for our volunteers," she says.

One of the VDO's volunteers, Dr. John Purc was nominated this year for the Community Service Award from the Ontario Dental Association recognizing his work at VDO. Additionally, the Coalition of Haliburton Lake Associations chose VDO as charity of the year, helping the organization raise awareness and recruit dentists and dental hygienists. Kerr says the wait list continues to increase despite the many volunteers "because the need is so great in our community."

Minden Health Care Auxiliary

Celebrating 15 years in 2015, the Minden Health Care Auxiliary was founded when the new hospital was built. It was 53 members who work at the gift shop, help with Hyland Crest activities and do fundraising for the facility.

"Our organization would not exist without our volunteers as we have no paid staff. Our members are driven to continue to make health care in Minden the very best," says auxiliary president Val du Manoir.

She says the rewards of volunteering can be seen throughout the facility and on the faces of the patients, staff and residents at the Minden site of Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

"It is very rewarding when your efforts, to put on a card party, to bake for a Hyland Crest tea, to sell raffle tickets or to work on decorating or obtaining items for our November gala, ultimately results in the purchase of a new piece of equipment for the hospital or has made living in Hyland Crest more pleasant. Even greeting a visitor as they enter the Hyland Crest entrance to the hospital is rewarding as you've hopefully made them feel welcome as you work in the gift shop."

Canoe FM

The community radio station has 109 volunteers who do everything from hosting programs to fixing computer problems. As station manager Roxanne Casey puts it: "They are the breath that keeps Canoe FM on the air."

Without volunteers, there wouldn't be much to listen to when you tuned your radio to 100.9 FM.

"Canoe FM only exists because of the eclectic mix of community voices and people who understand the importance of providing this community with the service of community radio," Casey says.

And for that reason, she agrees with one volunteer who once said to her: "Canoe FM is a hidden gem ... it's like finding that in-

credible song on the B side of a record."

Casey recently asked volunteers to share their motivations and experiences volunteering at the station. Here are a few of their comments.

"I volunteer at the radio [station] because it challenges me to do something different than my everyday. I didn't have much of a choice in picking my career path, so this lets me do something I really enjoy." – Shaun, a.k.a. "Rooster"

"I have got to meet and interview wonderful, interesting people, each with a fascinating story to tell. I have laughed with them, cried with them, got involved with their crusades, and I have made new life-long friendships from the experiences. As an added bonus, I get to work with my dear friend and mentor, the great Mike Jaycock." – Lorraine McNeil

"The challenge of doing a good job at whatever area you have volunteered in, is rewarding by positive reinforcement and camaraderie with others and by being a part of an organization with its finger on the heartbeat of the community." – Heather

"For me, just knowing that whether on air or on stage, I could possibly brighten someone's day, and bring a smile to their face. Laughter is the best medicine for life!" – Patrick

Nordic Trail Association

Many of the fantastic ski trails around Haliburton County are maintained throughout the year and groomed in the winter by a group of about 35 people at the Haliburton Nordic Trail Association – a not-for-profit run entirely by volunteers.

Ski enthusiasts pitch in to clear brush and fallen trees, replace culverts and improve trails for safety, says trail association volunteer Bruce Ballantine.

"Without the volunteers we would have no trails. Five years ago, a decision was made to improve grooming and widen some trails to provide a better product for the ski club and the general public to enjoy. We now have both classic and skate at each trailhead, plus a dog-friendly site," said Ballantine.

The association keeps up with 70 kilometres of trails at four locations, offering varying degrees of difficulty and different types of skiing.

Volunteers "have a passion for skiing and for the community where they live," he says. Satisfaction often comes from seeing the trails used by club members or those who buy day passes.

"We are now recognized as one of the best cross-country ski networks in the province and a major economic driver in the winter months," he says.

There are more than 400 members in the club with 30 new members in the last year.

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'We make a life by what we give'

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Thirty-five per cent of club members do not live in the county.

Haliburton County Folk Society

The local folk society is run entirely by volunteers and brings an impressive array of musicians to the Highlands each year.

Artistic director Walter Tose says he got involved because of his musical background and experience playing in bands and has found the experience enriching.

"I think we have provided and continue to provide the local community exposure to some very good musical performers in the folk and roots genres. And so, well, I get to hear some great music myself and as a bonus I get to meet and get to know the performers we bring in and I find that very rewarding to hear their stories and talk 'music tech' with them."

Aside from concerts, the folk society also runs a monthly open stage, supports the Home Routes series, helps out with the Haliburton Rotary Club's Music in the Park series and other events.

Community Support Services – Haliburton Highlands Health Services

Walter Tose (same as above) is also involved in Community Support Services, which is formerly Community Care Haliburton County. Now taken care of by Haliburton Highlands Health Services, CSS offers Diner's Club, Meals on Wheels, transportation, hospice services, adult day program and much more.

Tose is a volunteer driver for CSS and calls the experience "very rewarding."

"I get to help individuals to their medical appointments who otherwise might not be able to get there and I get to meet and learn about other people in the county whom I might not meet otherwise and hear their life stories," he says.

He also is a key organizer of the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament. He says the "very productive and well functioning committee" helps make the experience go smoothly and the services supported by the fundraiser are a more than worthy cause.

"My hope is that those same services will be there for me when I need to use them," he says and praises the CSS staff for co-ordinating the volunteers to get so much done for Haliburton County.

Places for People

The affordable housing charity, responsible for two units in the county so far, has 10 board members who put in more than 1,500 hours in 2014 on board related matters. In addition, another 800 hours were put in on Places for People's third location: 5 Newcastle St., Minden.

One of the organization's fundraisers, the Highland Yard, required another 100 volunteer hours just for preparation, say volunteers Max Ward and Jack Russel.

Additionally, another 60 volunteers put in 300 hours collectively at the Highland Yard event.

"This is a total of 2,700 volunteer hours to complete the tasks required for Places for People to complete its mission statement," Ward and Russel wrote in an email to the paper.

The pair calculated a value of about \$40,500 in volunteer time.

Volunteers do jobs large and small, physically and intellectually demanding. Home renovations are essential to getting buildings read for tenants; fundraisers such as the annual Hootenanny, rowlathon and Highland Yard bring in necessary cash; and the hard-working board of directors and committees do the planning to ensure everything is done properly and runs smoothly.

Each person has a different reason for giving their time to Places for People, but Ward and Russel believe the underlying current is satisfaction in helping those who need support building the foundation of their lives.

"Abraham Maslow said it best when he indicated individuals need secure shelter in order to fulfill their goals and achieve their aspirations," Ward and Russel say. "Through the tenant support committee and the unique trust fund, our tenants are provided a fund for such things as educational opportunities, a new home when they move out, and even a cellphone to be available for job opportunities. Perhaps many of us are guided by the sentiment that 'we make a living by what we get – we make a life by what we give.'"

Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association

The outdoors association has 320 members. Volunteers raise fish, advocate for wildlife and provide outdoor education, says board member Mike Johnson.

The HHOA also maintains a facility that can be used by community groups with environment/fish/wildlife interests at no cost.

"The volunteers provide an important resource to Haliburton," Johnson says. They maintain the facilities, feed the fish and clean the tanks as well as gather walleye and trout eggs for rearing and stock the raised fish in local lakes.

So far, HHOA volunteers have stocked more than 500,000 fish in local lakes.

"The volunteers enjoy the friendships created, the educational process and the aspect of giving back to our community and the environment," he says.

SIRCH Community Services

Volunteers for SIRCH do a wide range of duties in step with how many different programs the organization offers. Among them are breastfeeding mentors, board members, garden buddies, Thrift Warehouse volunteers, community kitchen cooks, fundraisers and more.

"Soon we'll be looking for senior volunteers who want to learn to do home safety checks for seniors," says Gena Robertson, executive director.

While SIRCH has several employees working to co-ordinate programming, Robertson says volunteers are integral to the charity's model.

"We wouldn't accomplish anywhere close to what we have without volunteers – not only SIRCH, but this whole community wouldn't have had half the services and programs we've been able to provide over the years," she says.

Examples of programs started using volunteers are the Crisis Assistance Program, Women's Emergency House, Sew Resourceful, Hospice, Big Buddies, My Coach Makes a Difference and more.

Robertson says the volunteers at SIRCH are motivated by making a difference, helping someone in a tough position and "connecting to others who are of like mind."

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary

Sixty-four men and women make up the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary, running fundraisers throughout the year including the famed Italian Dinner, loonie auction, wheelbarrow of wine raffle, tag day and more.

Volunteers operate the gift shop, hand-paint Christmas ornaments and participate in various events including the Santa Claus parade, Colourfest and others.

President Tracey Lear says she likes to think of this quote in terms of volunteerism: "The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others."

Every year, the auxiliary commits to buying needed items for HHHS and the group's fundraising efforts make that

happen.

"Auxiliaries are extremely important to the hospital. Every penny raised goes towards the purchase of these items," Lear says, "We have no overhead or salaries – just volunteers."

"I am constantly amazed how giving our communities are. There are so many organizations in the county with hundreds of volunteers. They all seem to raise money and get the job done!"

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation

The Foundation fundraises money for important capital projects at Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

According to Dale Walker, executive director, about 75 volunteers work on fundraisers such as the Golf Classic, hockey tournament, radiothon as well as stuffing envelopes and office duties.

"We also have board and committee members," says Walker. "Board members attend monthly board meetings and committee meetings. A lot of the board member work is done outside of meetings such as meeting with donors, community organizations, campaign work and groups."

Volunteers give their time to the Foundation because they know their work makes health care in the Highlands so much better through purchases of equipment, technology and capital projects. It's also a lot of fun.

"The Foundation could not operate without the volunteers. They really are priceless and as a volunteer myself for other organizations, I certainly appreciate their dedication," she says.



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Several veterans received a commemorative pin and certificate from the Canadian government, recognizing their service during the Second World War. Pictured are some of those who attended a special dinner hosted by Minden Legion in their honour. From left, Robert Whiltshire, Robert MacBrien, Stan Ferrell and Jamie Schmale (representing MP Barry Devolin).



Marking the battle for Vimy Ridge



LEGION BR. 636

The Germans had called it the "week of suffering." For a week, more than a million Allied shells had pummeled German defences on the long ridge in northern France. It was now April 9, 1917. In the pre-dawn darkness, a fierce wind whipped around snow and sleet. At precisely 5:30 a.m., an intense barrage of artillery fire broke out and the first wave of 20,000 soldiers poured out of the Canadian trenches. Their battle for Vimy Ridge had begun. Carrying up to 80 pounds of equipment each, they advanced closely behind the explosions, crossing a no-man's land of mud, barbed wire and shell craters.

By noon, most of the heavily-defended ridge had been captured, but at a price. 11,000 Canadian soldiers were wounded or dead before the third day when Vimy Ridge was entirely in Canadian hands. My great uncle Harmon Briggs was one of them.

Last Wednesday was the eve of Vimy Ridge Day and there was hardly a dry eye as Belinda Wilson gave her presentation on the Royal Canadian Legion's Pilgrimage of Remembrance.

With the slides she took on the battlefield trip and the haunting songs she had written, the capacity audience at the Minden Legion had not seen or heard anything as touching in a long time. We are very grateful to Belinda for sharing the stories of our Canadian soldiers during the first and second world wars.

As this is the 70th anniversary of the Second World War, four veterans were given a commemorative pin and certificate by Jamie Schmale, Parliamentary Assistant to MP Barry Devolin. At the annual veterans' dinner, 64 veterans and their guests enjoyed a meal fitting the occasion and which was very well received. The cooks Jenn and Rick and servers Yvette, Barb and Stacey were given a grateful standing ovation.

There is a change in the many activities which take place at the Minden Legion. Ladies' darts are now on Wednesday afternoons instead of Thursdays. Like most of our activities, the ladies darts are open to the public. This means you could start with the lunchtime meat draws and then stay for a pleasant afternoon of darts. We are not a large group and we are definitely not champion darters, but we have a lot of fun. Try picturing your "favourite" face on the dart board, it sure releases a lot of stress!

The meat draws start at noon every Wednesday and people come from all over the area, even as far as Lindsay, because the prizes are so delicious to win. Every week the butcher changes the selection, and for \$8 you get 8 chances for every draw.

Last Saturday the Minden Legion was packed as the Highlands Trio entertained their many fans. I know those who were there would have been treated to a great afternoon of the Trio's special mix of down-east and old tyme country music. This generous group shared their talent for just the donations at the door, and people were very appreciative. Keep watching this column, they'll be back again soon.

Tickets on sale for Wine, Music and Art in Dorset

Tickets are now available for Dorset's 11th Annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art celebrating the arts in Dorset on Friday, April 17. There will be an art, book and CD walk-about starting at 6:30 p.m. and readings and music start at 7 p.m.

The lineup this year is fantastic! Artists in many mediums will be displaying their beautiful work and include Elise Muller, Elizabeth Johnson, Anje Hilkers, Kyal Smith, Peter Buwalda, Brenda Turnour, Chantelle Poisson, Lynne Hollingsworth, Fay Wilkinson and Charlene McConnell. Writers include Bob Smith, Anje Hilkers, Barb Rosen, Doug Aldsworth and storyteller Fay Wilkinson. Music will be provided by classical guitarist Albert Kashap and jazz/blues singer Zoe Chilco accompanied by saxophonist John Deehan.

Tickets are \$6 each or two for \$10 and are available from the Recreation Centre. Light refreshments will be provided and entry is limited to those 19 years of age and over. Contact the rec centre at recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-766-9968 for more information.

The precarious future of Dorset Community Policing will be discussed at a meeting on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre and all are welcome. If you are interested in helping to keep this worthwhile committee and program going please be sure to attend. If you have any questions or would like more information, call Doug Rogers at 705-766-9070.

There is still time for boys and girls ages five to 14 to sign up for Dorset Indoor Soccer taking place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursdays from April 23 to May 28 (six weeks). Ages five to nine are from 6 to 7 p.m. and ages 10 to 14 are from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$30 and includes T-shirt, use of equipment and six weeks of non-competitive skills building instruction. Registration is required by calling or emailing the recreation centre at recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-766-9968.

Pitch-In Dorset! Our spring community clean up takes place on Saturday, April 25, with volunteers meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre for supplies and routes at 9 a.m. with coffee and treats for helpers afterwards. If you would like to pitch-in or would like more information, call the Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968. All individuals, groups and businesses are welcome!

Birthday wishes for April 12 to 18 go out to Robbie Drebbitt, Catlin Perry and Todd Brooks. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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Since Amandha Vollmer of Yummy Mummy Emporium was unable to accept her award at the Business and Community Achievement Awards Gala, the Chamber arranged another special ceremony for her.

Earlier in April, the original award presenter, Matthew Roberts of Heat-Line, stopped by Amandha's store in Minden to present her with her Customer First Award. Submitted by Lauren Hunter

Guild shouts out for volunteers

AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Here at the old farmhouse some serious porch-sitting is finally underway. This Monday morning's welcome warm air was filled with bird song, log thumping, road rumbles and insect buzz. Two pair of mallards grace the pond but if prior years are any indicator will be short term visitors although after this winter with only two elderly ponies left on supervisory duty there is little sudden activity at water's edge to disturb nesting. After a very active weekend watching baseball and the Masters Golf Tournament Bruce and I are gathering our strength for the Blue Jays second home game tonight after a disappointing opening loss with pitching ace R.A. Dickie walking in two runs. Bruce's very expensive and yet unworn official uniform shirt has across the back 2014 centre fielder #28's name. Coby Rasmus unfortunately is no longer a Blue Jay but from the depth of his recliner "dugout" our armchair coach in residence and former Milwaukee Braves draftee can only be seen from a frontal view.

Lochlin United Church will be hosting its Maple Fest this Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come out and enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast plus bake sale at the Church located at 1050 Lochlin Road. The cost for this all you can

eat breakfast is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children and pre-schoolers are no charge.

The Kinmount Model Railroad Club is looking for interested people to become members. There is a terrific model railroad and museum located in the historic railway station which has been a seasonal family attraction. As the tourism season approaches more volunteers are needed for its crew to welcome visitors and share their experience and enthusiasm. For more information give Andrew a call at 705-488-2291 or text 705-928-2899.

In keeping with the old saying "many hands make light work" the Kinmount Guiding Unit sends a "shout out" for volunteers to give an hour of their time and join the cleanup crew on Saturday, May 2. For this annual "Pitch In Day" meet at the Railway Station at 10 a.m. where garbage bags and gloves will be provided. The Unit members will also be holding a Girl Guide Cookie Sale from noon to 3 p.m. on that same Saturday, May 2 in the downtown area. This Unit offers programs and community involvement for girls from Sparks through Guides and Pathfinders. It meets Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Kinmount Community Centre and for more information please give Lynne a call at 705-488-2919.

At the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount Liver & Onions luncheons return on the last Tuesday of each month. Starting on April 28 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. enjoy either that favourite L&O or a delicious turkey entree for a cost of \$8 which includes beverage and dessert. The dinner theatre scheduled for Thursday, April 30 is a sold out event so congratulations

to the efforts of those involved in bringing this unique format here to the branch venue. To keep informed about happenings at Branch 441, membership or Hall rentals please call 705-488-3462 or visit its Facebook page.

This month's book sale by the Friends of the Library will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the Kinmount branch. Browse through the bargains and hopefully find a treasure with all books only 50 cents each. Your donations are welcome and can be left at any time in the designated drop box but please no texts or magazines. There is also a book sale table at the Kawartha Community Credit Union with proceeds from those items going to the Kinmount Bursary Fund.

Tickets are still available for the annual dinner and auction sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development on Saturday, April 25 at the Galway Hall. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. which allows time to socialize and view all the live, silent, country and loonie auction items and decide on your bid choices. There are some great prizes including VIA Rail passes, theatre tickets, a handcrafted quilt and original artwork. Tickets are \$25/person and available by calling 705-488-2635. All proceeds support local beautification projects in Kinmount.

Until next week keep busy and well. They go together...



County card scores

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April 7 contract bridge at Club 35: The high scoring quartet members were Alek Zworski 4,110, Jackie Metcalf 4,090, Muriel McIntosh 4,080 and Bruce Armstrong 4,060 with Karen Albert receiving the Lucky Loonie.

April 7 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that Anne Nicholson was first at 3,910 then Susan Reed 3,310 and Carol Thompson 3,010.

April 7 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: At 308 Sandy Poulton and Dorene Elstone claimed first place with June Fortune and Andy Boivin next at 303. In third spot at 282 were Bev Alexander and Max McKelvey while Pam Pappas partnered with Marg Oetelaar posted the afternoon's low of 86. Thanks to Pearl Cowen for this news.

April 7 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Nancy McPherson reports that lone hand honours went to Doug Cooper with Irene McDowell high lady and Reta Crofts low. Tops for the gents was Harold Harvie with Jim MacPherson low man and Betty Hicks the draw winner.

April 7 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Sharron Atkinson 294, Jean Scadden 263, Pat Roussel 250 and Clare Obdam 247. First for the gents at 307 was Al McMullen then Karin Harrison 261 with Sharon Jarvis and Jesse Barlow tied for third at 257. Pat Marshall won the major draw with Al McMullen, Garth Windsor and Dwaine Lloyd claiming the smaller prizes. Betty Wagar also reports that there was a shower of moonshots landing on Marcy Morgan, Dwaine Lloyd, Karin Harrison, Sharron Atkinson, Clare Obdam, Garth Windsor, Al McMullen, Shirley Milne and Archie Ross.

April 8 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Muriel McIntosh and Diana Spicer led at 63 percent

then our bridge reporter Margo Davidson partnered with Peter O'Connor 60 percent and Stella McMillan teamed with Frank Schlotter 58 percent.

April 9 euchre at Minden Legion: Most lone hands were held by Theresa Deak and our reporter Tom Grix with Bev Alexander and Tom Bagshaw posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Irene McDowell and Kaye Bull with Harold Harvie winning the draw and Tom Bagshaw, Tom Grix, and Andy Broersma taking home the other prizes. Please note that Tom Grix reminds that cards now begin at 7 p.m. rather than the usual 7:30 p.m.

April 9 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: For the ladies Betty Wagar topped the charts at 302 followed by Pat Roussel 266, Willie Cox 262 and Pat Norman 254. Albert Foster led the gents at 279 then Doug McIntosh 270, Archie Ross 267 and Al McMullen 259. Pat Roussel and Vi Howell jointly held the hidden score, Vi also took the card draw and Pat Norman the call 1. Bev Johnson further reports that Al McMullen, Pat Marshall and Vi Howell had moonshots.

April 10 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Leading in North/South at 62 percent were Tom and Margo Davidson then Muriel McIntosh partnered with Ross Davies 54 percent. Over in East/West top honours went to Peter O'Connor and Gord Cochrane at 62 percent followed by Willie and Jack Cox 51 percent.

April 10 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Jean Randell won for high hands, Arthur Forbes for lone hands, Pat Bailey for low hands and Sherin Brown for the special prize.

April 11 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Pat Roussel 267, Karen Chapman 249,

Dorothy McElwain 227 and Jean Randell 207. First representing the gents was Clare Obdam 311 followed by Ida Young 309, Tom Grix 244 and Doug McIntosh 221. Karen Chapman won the major special prize with Kevin Maloney, Jason Peacock and Ida Young claiming the smaller rewards. In the moonshot column Jean Randell, Theresa Deak, Wayne Jones, Marcel Roussel, Clare Obdam and Tom Grix had singles with Jason Peacock doubling. Thanks to Albert Foster for this report.

April 13 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The high scoring trio members were Dana Briscoe 262, Pauline Franzen 250 and Dorothy McElwain 228 with our reporter Rose Isaacson winning the draw.

April 13 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Tim Sharpe reports that lone hand honours went to Howard Smith with Betty Sharpe and Lorna Hicks posting the high scores. The afternoon's lows were claimed by Ellen Holden and Susan Grant while Maxine Snell took home the special prize.

April 13 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was our reporter Sherin Brown, for lone hands Arthur Forbes, for low hands Maria Tschida and for the spe-

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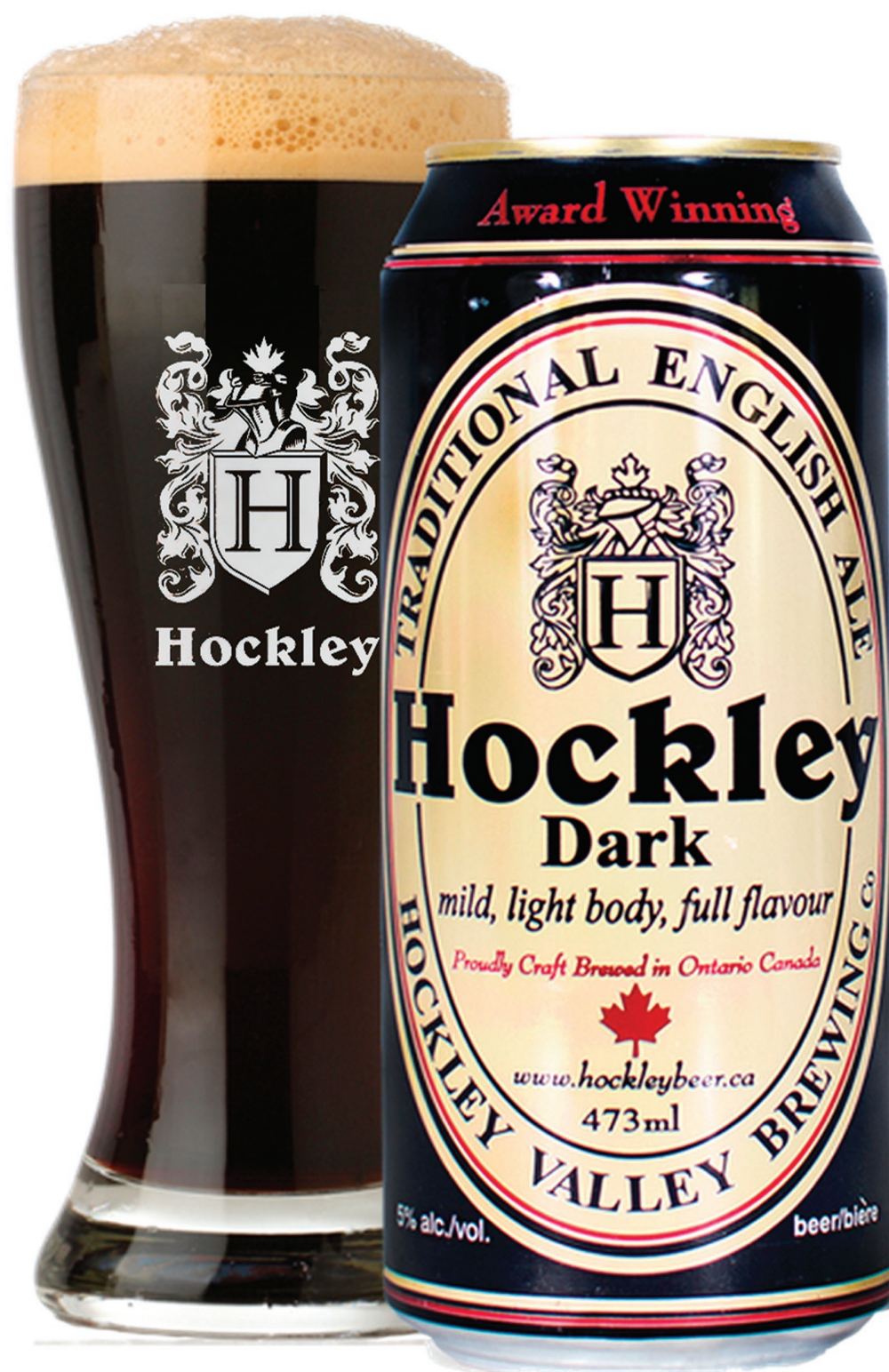
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MEETING**
The seventeenth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the HHHS Minden Hospital / Hyland Crest.
2015-16 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria county, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).
Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. **To be eligible to vote at the June 25, 2015 AGM, new memberships must be obtained by May 1, 2015.** Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.
The fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS, Haliburton or Minden Business Offices, during regular business hours, or by contacting:
Marlene Vieira
HHHS Administration Office
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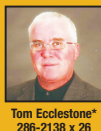
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